Press Responses to State Employee Rally

On health insurance...

"The Governor believes state employees have every right to be concerned today. They have a health insurance plan that will be bankrupt by October and won't be able to pay their claims. This is why Governor Barbour is working so hard to save their health insurance plan. So far, the Governor has been one of the only state leaders to offer any solutions to this crisis."

On job losses...

"The Governor's goal is to streamline state government so overtaxed Mississippians are not called upon to provide even more taxes. Streamlining does not always mean cutting jobs. Streamlining means working smarter and more efficiently and the Governor looks forward to working with our fine State workforce to do just that."